



Florida House of Representatives

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To: Louise Léger
From: Representative Ben Albritton
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Consul General Louise Léger,

I am very pleased to announce that I have been working with the Florida House Committee staff to identify a solution for the International Driver Permit issue that arose due to HB 1223 last legislative session. Today, the Economic Affairs Committee passed PCB EAC 13-01 unanimously.

The bill amends s. 322.04, F.S., to remove the requirement that nonresident out-of-country visitors carry a valid International Driving Permit (IDP) in order to drive lawfully in Florida. The change will bring s. 322.04, F.S., back to its pre-2012 regular legislative session form. As such, nonresidents that are at least 16 years old, including out-of-country visitors, will be able to drive legally as long as these visitors have a valid driver license from their home country.

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that it was never my intention to disenfranchise any Canadian visitors to our state or to discourage tourism in the State of Florida. We value our international visitors, especially our Canadian friends, and look forward to continuing to welcome all visitors to our great state. I am proud to provide a solution to the concerns raised by last year's legislation that ensures Florida's roadways remain open as usual to all of our visitors. If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding the PCB EAC 13-01 please do not hesitate to contact me. I am immensely sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused to our Canadian friends!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Ben Albritton", written over a horizontal line.

Ben Albritton

CC: Ambassador Gary Doer

Committees:

Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee (Chair) - Appropriations Committee - State Affairs Committee - Business Development & Professional Regulation Subcommittee - Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee